TECHNOLOGY, DEVELOPMENT, ETHICS AND CULTURE

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ABSTRACT

From the time immemorial Man is using technology. Every invention & discovery aided by thirst for betterment, took him towards development. But it's time to check the dimension of development (which is killing than thrilling). Human race is facing irreparable loss of ecology, ethics & culture. The individualism is not much bothered about collective welfare or advancement. The concept of universal brotherhood is becoming fragile & is evident from many case studies. We need to grow with the technology. (Ethically, morally as well as culturally.) The cross cutting culture can only save the universe. Overlapping in every sense is a sign of ruin for human race. Very soon it will eclipse the Human civilization. Learning from the past, acting sensibly and proactively is the only solution. Then only sustainable development can take a effortless breath.

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INTRODUCTION

World has a long tradition of science & technology from the ancient times. There is no revolution without evolution of mankind. Mankind's thirst for progressiveness will never end. But the question crops in mind, what is Progress? It has to be only material one? The Science & technology is making our life easy. (which was never before) The invention of wheel, fire has revolutionized the entire human race. Communication, Transport, Technological & Structural developments paved the way for further advancement (Apps, Software, robotics, Nano technology etc. has changed the face of entire universe.) Due to unaccountable & irresponsible use of resources & technology the Human race is in trouble, Sustainable development is just on paper. The Kyoto & many more protocols failed in actual sense. If not so then why we are facing the drastic climatic changes which were never before. (Intensity of disasters are more, the threat continues to haunt us.)

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The new science, technology, innovations, discoveries, are done & will be continued. But science itself do not have value judgment. The Research, new technique is silent about the aim of use (here the meaning is ethics, morality) like nuclear science. (it was a miracle, but used for disaster, evidence is of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, (Japan), generations faced the trouble.) So the blame does not comes on science but on us i.e. on "The users". Cyber is good, but what about the cybercrimes? (generation is spoilt and who should be blamed for that?) It's like a knife…. How to use it is a decisive factor, to cut /chop a vegetable or neck? Science will not tell you that. So science, development, human being, his/her behavior, social issues must be studied, analyzed in a holistic manner. As science & human being both are the components which affect each other.

We had seen the progress of basic science, Archaeology (which gives the basic thought on civilization.) as well as the growth & development of technology. But the basic question remains the same if the user / a human race is not understanding its responsibility, the so called evolution, progress… everything would be in vain. And again fall of civilization, Cultural pattern will have a cycle i.e we will also be a part of history. If we don't use the resources meticulously, with accountability, we are bound to end, if anything remains it would be the worst condition to live for our future generations. Just finding a new application wont work, what we can do of scrap will be a decisive factor in the era of sustainable development.

Today, we talk about the environment, ecological balance, conservation of water, energy resources, Cyber security, Bio-safety & Bioethics. But all those areas need a Ethical & Moral background. Otherwise the downfall of human race is unavoidable! Just not for academic interest but in actual sense the higher moral & ethical graph can only save the so called hi-tech, smart users of technology, from the degradation. Question remains unanswered where we are moving towards with all these advancements?(the word advancement needs to be redefined) What we want to achieve? Technology, emerging trends are needed, are worth when it's with Morality and ethics. Otherwise its creating moral degradation, will create worst condition. We are not machines, so must think and act in proactive way rather than reactive. Also the work culture is disturbing the socio-psychological pattern.(nuclear and breaking family structure is making life, human society more fragile.)

Science & Technology do their own job. But the World Community, the Governments of each country must think with sensitivity for the use of new innovations and the sustainable ways. But even governments & World Community lack to accommodate the wants & dreams of people. (As the cultures are diversified, also the socio- eco psycho levels differ.)The events in Persian Gulf demonstrated, warring countries pay little heed to ethics or rules. The terror of so called saviors of democracy is creating havoc, is ruining the notion of welfare and development. Its high time to learn and adopt the lesson for betterment of everyone. Technology must be for race, for its development in actual sense and not a cause of its decline!

CONCLUSIONS

Selfishness is at the bottom of civilization.

–Henry L.Daves.

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